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## Transit Crisis and the Public Duty

### AN EDITORIAL

A transit crisis approaches in New York City.

New Yorkers have a right to know the real cause of this impending struggle.

New York is today America's largest open shop employer. Thus, it also pays the lowest wages in city employment.

The municipal government's labor policy, which Mayor O'Dwyer inherited, is a disgrace. It denies collective bargaining rights on the argument that employes are protected by civil service.

The results of this policy can be seen in the slim pay envelopes of the transit workers, whose wage rates have been pegged 20 percent below those of other cities.

In other major American cities, Detroit, Seattle and San Francisco, transit workers get genuine collective bargaining rights and higher pay. To achieve a level similar to those of other cities is the justifiable goal of the Transport Workers Union.

The TWU therefore places two major demands:

A democratic election to determine once and for all the sole collective bargaining agent of the transit workers.

A genuine union contract embodying improved working conditions and higher wages to meet the increased cost of living.

Gen. Gross, chairman of the Board of Transportation, scornfully rejects these demands as excessive.

Subway riders, however, whether trade unionists or not, surely feel otherwise.

They know that Police Commissioner Wallander's elaborate strikebreaking machinery, prepared in the event of a strike vote Tuesday, won't run the subways, trolleys or buses.

New Yorkers know that you can't substitute a cop for a trained engineer and that a police club won't substitute for orderly collective bargaining.

New Yorkers are already asking whether this is the type of collective bargaining for

city employes that Mayor O'Dwyer promised in his pre-election speeches.

There is precedent right here in the city for an election on the city-owned lines to determine which union shall be the collective bargaining agent of the workers. On Jan. 29, 1937, such an election was held on the city-owned Independent Subway System.

Why not hold such an election again on all the lines, determine the union the men want and then bargain collectively?

The New York public should let the Mayor know before Tuesday that:

They want to see a collective bargaining election held on the lines.

They want improved working conditions for the men who keep our transit safe and swift.

The New York public, which owes so much to the skill, devotion and loyalty of the subway workers, has the duty of standing with the Transport Workers Union in its justified demands.



# A New Page in India's Freedom Fight

Thousands of people braved the fire of British guns in the streets of Bombay yesterday, in support of the heroic mutineers in the harbor. They carried three main banners. These were the Red Flag, the banners of the Moslem League and the placards of the India National Congress.

Those three organizations—the Communists, Muslim League and the Congress Party—would hold the future of India in their hands if they were united.

Unfortunately, the unity of the people in the streets and the seamen on the ships contrasts with disunity in the leadership of the major Indian nationalist organizations.

That is the Achilles heel which the British Raj is sure to seize upon. Suppression by force is being added to artificially fanned political and religious divisions.

Already the Congress Party has shamefully disavowed the heroic mutineers, and is appealing for surrender.

Congress leaders, like Sarat Chandra Bose in Calcutta, only wring their hands that the situation is "serious beyond words." But they do not rise to the occasion with deeds, even though the local Congress parties and national leaders

like Pandit Nehru have been urging the people to revolt.

## CONGRESS AGAINST DETERMINATION

At the same time, the Congress Party rejects the legitimate Muslim demand for self-determination—which Muslim Leader Mohammed Ali Jinnah is able to distort into a proposal for an immediate separation of the Muslim areas.

To make matters worse, the Congress has in recent months turned its main fire on the Communist Party, which seeks unity of all independence forces against imperialism.

Communists have been forced to withdraw from the Congress in a body. Disunity of the leadership contrasts tragically with the readiness of the people to fight for the immediate demands and independence.

The Bombay uprising is only the latest and most dramatic of a series

of clashes with the British police, which have swept all corners of India in recent months.

It is most significant because for the first time a people nurtured on traditions of non-violent struggle are showing their readiness to use arms.

In Calcutta last November, and again in December, this same militancy flared up—provoked by the attempt of the British government to punish leaders of the Indian National Army, the body of troops which misguidedly believed that Japan would bring the country freedom.

## ANTI-BRITISH CAUSE

Behind these events lies the ghastly economic crisis and popular dissatisfaction with the British maneuvers to head off independence through the Wavell plan.

The threat of famine has become chronic in India. The danger exists that another five million people

will starve away in the next months as they did during the Fall of 1943.

Having failed for two years to take serious preventive measures, the British authorities are now giving the appearance of concern and appealing for world help in all directions.

The underlying fact is very simple. British power rests on support of the speculators and hoarders. They systematically buy up the available grain. In the absence of real rationing, price control and a mobilization of Peoples Food Committees (such as the Communists organized in 1943), the grain and rice disappear into the warehouses.

A few speculators profit. Millions starve. Britain fails to end this situation because to do so would smash its own base of support within the country.

Also, there is the dissatisfaction of the people—facing such conditions—with the mealy program of self-government which Viceroy Archibald Wavell has put forward, which Sir Stafford Cripps is now coming to enforce.

Provincial elections are scheduled this Winter. Elections to the Central Legislative Assembly have already been held. The trouble is that a fraction of the population voted.

Thousands of political prisoners are in jail. The disunity of the Congress and the League will probably prevent the formation of a united government.

All this enables the British to pose as ready to give power to the Indians; but in actual fact, power will remain with Britain so long as the main parties are separated by factional differences.

Sensing the futility of all this parliamentary maneuvering on top, the people concentrate on their immediate demands—as in the case of the Bombay seamen.

These demands the British Raj rejects. It is able to do so because of the failure of the Congress or the League to link the defense of the immediate interests of the masses with the demand for full power to the Indian people.

# British Shoot Bombay Civilians; Uprisings Spread to Calcutta

**BOMBAY, Feb. 22 (UP).—**British Army patrols machinegunned Indian demonstrators in hit and run battles in several sections of Bombay today. Indian navy mutineers still held out despite reports of their unconditional surrender. Casualty totals in Bombay were not available. Unconfirmed Indian estimates put them as high as 100 killed and 1,000 wounded.

Mutineers at Karachi surrendered the Indian navy sloop Hindustan after a 25-minute exchange of fire with British shore-based artillery, but the mutiny spread to Vizagapatam, on the Bay of Bengal across the peninsula from Bombay. At Vizagapatam, 600 Indian navy men, stationed in the Circals, and other fleet units struck

and paraded through the streets, shouting, "Long live the revolution" and demanding release of arrested Navy men, withdrawal of Indian troops from the Netherlands East Indies and equal pay and status with men of the British Navy.

In London, Prime Minister Attlee, demanding unconditional surrender of the mutineers, noted that their demands included speedy demobilization; disciplinary action against the commanding officer of HMS Talwar for improper treatment of sailors; best class of Indian food;

Royal Navy scales of pay and family allowances; retention of their kit on release; high gratuity and treasury pay on release.

Strike demonstrations spread to Calcutta. Streetcar and bus services in southern Calcutta were halted when strikers picketed them, Indians lined the main thoroughfares, shouting "victory for India."

## BOMBERS OVER CITY

In Bombay, heavy British troop reinforcements were called out. Armored cars and infantry poured

into the city, and formations of up to 20 fighter and bombing planes roared over city and harbor. British Navy reinforcements were expected hourly.

Banks, offices, schools, colleges, railroad workshops and most shops closed during the afternoon.

The situation among civilians some of whom paraded with entwined nationalist, Moslem and red flags, remained explosive. For hours crowds surged through principal streets attacking Europeans and Indians dressed in European clothing, burning banks and setting fire to the city post office, army trucks and automobiles. Shooting broke out early in the day. Some Indians fought police.

British authorities, in an edict effective for 15 days, forbade the carrying of weapons, banned processions and assemblies of more than five persons and imposed a curfew.

The mutineers in Bombay, estimated to number 12,000, still controlled 12 ships, 19 navy shore establishments and the naval dockyard area. Almost all the ships flew the Indian naval flag at half mast.

British navy authorities were conducting peace talks with an Indian navy officer who led the strike aboard ships in harbor, principally the communications ship Talwar.

Vallabhai Patel, right-hand man of Indian National Congress leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, issued an appeal for the civilians to stop rioting in sympathy with naval mutineers, and asked the mutineers themselves to give up.

"The advice of the (National) Congress to men of the Royal Indian Navy is to lay down their arms," Patel said in a statement. "The Congress will do its level best to see that there is no victimization."

He claimed "appreciation" of the "spirit and courage" of the mutineers.

**Attlee Celebrates A Revolt—of 1776**

Britain's Premier, Clement Attlee, celebrated George Washington's birthday while his government was suppressing India's battle for independence.

"The virtues of George Washington—single-mindedness and tenacity of purpose, complete integrity of character and devotion to the good of his fellow-men are ones of which the world stands in great need today," Attlee declared.

## Why Indian Sailors Turned to CP for Help

Striking sailors of the Royal Indian Navy in Bombay turned to the Indian Communist Party for help.

"Use your might to prevent a blood bath in Bombay,"

the Central Naval Strike Committee asked the Communists, according to a Reuters dispatch Thursday night.

It was no accident that the sailors appealed to the Indian Communist Party.

Formed in 1927, the Indian CP worked under conditions of illegality, terror, for 15 years. From a scattered network of local groups mostly in industrial centers, it grew into the third party in the land, ranking next to the National Congress and Muslim League.

In 1942, the CP was legalized, and its 12,000 membership has since multiplied many times.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. When Japan attacked, the Communists stood out against the "non-cooperation" of the National Congress Party. While the British refused to mobilize India for defense, the Communists struggled against odds to form self defense corps.

2. Under Communist leadership, trade unions were built in the jute mills and the few other industries which the British have permitted.

The Kishan Sabha, or Peasant Union, was built by Communists.

## RELIEF WORK

3. When famine raged through India, Indian Communists did what the British and their Indian administrators failed to do. They raised vast sums in famine relief, sent relief and medical teams into stricken areas, campaigned against profiteering.

4. The Communists have fought for self-determination for the Muslims and the other national groups comprising India's 400,000,000.

Last summer and fall a campaign of slander and physical violence began in the Indian National Congress against the Communists—on the false ground that in supporting the war against Japan they had deserted to the British. The Congress people also attacked the Communists for their stand on self-determination for the Muslims. As a result, thirty thousand Communists left the Congress. But they continue their struggle to unite all India for freedom.

**COMMANDER** of the Royal Indian Navy, Vice-Adm. Sir John Godfrey, who has threatened to blast that navy to bits rather than listen to the demands of the Indian sailors striking against slow demobilization, low pay and poor working conditions.

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# More Guns--Attlee's India Plan

## Social-Democrat Pledges More Warships to Shoot Seamen

"Order must be restored." . . . "Left-wing elements and Communists" are responsible. . . . That's how Britain's Premier, Clement Attlee, dealt with the mutiny of Indian sailors in Bombay before the House of Commons yesterday.

The Social-Democrat, Attlee threatened the use of more Royal Navy warships, including a cruiser, against Indian sailors who are striking for immediate demobilization.

Attlee stated that "His Excellency" the Governor of Bombay, Col. David John Colville, expected "more disturbances" before "the situation is stabilized."

Seven thousand Indian seamen had joined the revolt, Attlee revealed, adding his support to the Bombay Governor's insistence upon unconditional surrender.

"Ample forces are available in Bombay and Karachi," Attlee declared.

The mutiny began on Monday among seamen of

the Indian Navy's communications training ship, Talwar, in Bombay. The men seized the ship, insisting upon immediate demobilization and the right of their political leaders to address them.

The movement spread throughout Bombay as the people came into the streets. Mutineers hold 12 ships in the harbor, 18 naval shore establishments, a naval dockyard, and the barracks. They insist the British withdraw before negotiating.

Attlee boasted the Indian National Congress had disclaimed support for the mutineers. He said "left-wing elements and Communists are trying to work up sympathy" for the seamen.

The statement in Parliament, as reported by United Press, was in no way distinguishable from any statement a Tory Premier might have made. It showed the depths to which the British Social-Democrats have sunk in their service to imperialism.

Attlee's action also recalled the fact that under the second Labor government, headed by Ramsay MacDonald in 1929, Indian independence movements were also smashed. RAF flyers brutally bombarded the northwest frontier tribes.



ATTLEE



## Chungking Cops Gut Communist Press Building

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (UP).—At least six persons were injured and the downtown office of the Communist New China Daily was wrecked today.

Over 20,000 students demonstrated in Chungking and thousands more went on strike in Shanghai, demanding that the government "get tough" with the USSR and Chinese Communists.

Communists charged that secret service men, not students, wrecked the office.

Gen. Chou En-lai, head Communist in the Political Consultative Council, branded the students' demonstrations as an "anti-alien movement by intriguers" and said patriotism should not damage prospects of international cooperation.

He demanded punishment of the ringleaders, compensation to the New China Daily for damages and a guarantee against further demonstrations, "or you will see plenty more dramatic masterpieces."

American trucks and jeeps, recently sold to the Kuomintang government, participated in the Chungking parade, along with ambulances, food trucks and other vehicles.

Demonstrators bore anti-Soviet signs stating "Don't let them take Inner Mongolia from us," and "Russia is worse than Germany and Japan."

They massed in front of offices of the New China Daily and the Democratic Daily, organ of the Democratic League.

The roof of the New China Daily Building was torn off and books, newspapers and pamphlets were ripped and thrown into the street.

The New China Daily charged that four clerks were beaten seriously. Police arrested four men accused of damaging the building, including two of the newspaper staff.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22 (UP).—Chinese authorities were prepared today for a stubborn tug-of-war with Chinese workers on the question of wages.

Municipal officials believe that wages must be kept at a low level to hold down production costs for the export market. Workers are protesting the government position through action ranging from mass street parades to walkouts by barbers with half-shaved customers in their chairs.

### Randolph's Role

The second in a series of articles on the role of A. Philip Randolph and the people behind him, in sabotaging the fight for the FEPC bills in the Senate and the House, appears on page nine of this issue. The articles are written by Claudia Jones.

# Murray, O'Dwyer Confer on Transit; Demonstrate Today



**Cops Work for a Foundry:** Mayor Kelly's cops in Chicago are hauling a picket away in front of the W. A. Jones Foundry in Chicago. The United Auto Workers, helped by other unions, are holding picket lines firmly despite daily mass arrests. See story on page 2.

CIO President Philip Murray yesterday entered New York's impending transport strike situation, Mayor O'Dwyer announced.

The union is demanding a \$2 a day raise, sole bargaining rights, union security and grievance machinery. In a telephone call from Pittsburgh, Murray discussed with the Mayor the procedure, used by the Board of Transportation in settling the dispute. The conversation was not revealed by the Mayor, but he said Murray told him he would contact Michael J. Quill, Transport Workers Union head, and call the Mayor's office again. Murray has been in touch with Quill.

An emergency public conference on the subway workers' fight will be held at noon tomorrow (Sunday) at the Hotel Capitol.

Invitations were sent yesterday jointly by Saul Mills, City CIO secretary, and Douglas L. MacMahon, president of Local 100 of the Transport Workers Union. They wired leaders of 725 AFL, CIO, civic, church and social service organizations.

Mills commented: "The CIO Council, having voted to support fully the aims and aspirations of the Transport Workers Union, is prepared to carry the message to the people, telling them of the needs of

transport workers for a \$2 a day raise, better working conditions and a real honest union contract."

On Tuesday, the TWU will lay its demands before Deputy Transportation Commissioner Edward C. Maguire, labor adviser to O'Dwyer, at a hearing at the Board of Transportation office, 250 Hudson St., at 2 p.m.

Quill has announced the union will accept arbitration but will strike unless the Board of Transportation agrees to engage in real collective bargaining.

Quill has charged Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, head of the Board of Transportation, with conspiracy to wreck the union by denying it collective bargaining. He rapped the idea that workers with civil service status are not entitled to collective bargaining contracts.

The points touched on in the Murray-O'Dwyer conversation were, as outlined by O'Dwyer:

Methods that workers have in discussing demands under the Board of Transportation setup.

Possibility of the union sitting down with the Board after the committee appointed by Gen. Gross to act on the situation has screened the demands.

The legal relationship of the Board of Transportation and the O'Dwyer administration, more particularly the autonomous position of the Board, in all matters within its jurisdiction. Though O'Dwyer failed to explain this point it was felt it dealt with the question of whether the Board has final decision in the matter.

Mayor O'Dwyer is known to have asked his legal advisors to delve into the rights of unions of city employees and the city's right to enter into collective bargaining agreements with such unions.

This is regarded as the Mayor's attempt to make the whole issue a "legal problem" instead of setting policy on the merits of the case.

### Blum to Ask Loan Here for France

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP).—Former Premier Leon Blum will leave for Washington Feb. 26 to open negotiations for a \$2,500,000,000 loan to France, the Foreign Office announced today.

## TWU Holds Shop-Gate Protest On Transport Board Threat

A threatening poster by the Board of Transportation warning workers against "leaving their work without authority of the Board" touched off an indignant shop-gate demonstration by nearly 1,000 CIO transit employees at the 148th St. car maintenance yard yesterday afternoon.

The demonstration, called by Section 1, Local 100 of the Transport Workers Union was held as the day shift left the yard at 5:00 p.m.

The notice posted on the company's bulletin board early on Washington's Birthday was addressed to "all employees of the New York City Transit System" and was headlined in big bold letters "Beware of Reckless Agitators."

First arrivals at the yard were quick to protest. Impromptu floor meetings between small groups of workers took on momentum and the early morning rumblings quickly grew into an on-the-spot demand by the yard workers for action.

The workers, by individuals and in groups, called on their union leaders to protest the poster to the yard superintendent, Al O'Brien. Led by Adrian Cabrial, acting chairman of

Section 1, a delegation visited O'Brien and demanded he remove the posted intimidation against the workers.

Supt. O'Brien claimed that the notice, posted by orders of the Board of Transportation, could not be removed without its consent.

At 3 p.m., Cabrial, Charles Abruscato, secretary of Section 1, and Pete Connolly, vice-chairman, set in motion an after-work shop gate protest.

Almost all of the 1,000 men in the yard held a ten-minute demonstration as they left the 148th St. premises.

A husky mechanic with a \$2-a-day button in his cap told the Daily Worker:

"They've been putting up notices like this for years trying to scare us away from the union. But this time they went too far. We're not

taking any more horsin' around from the Board. Reckless agitators they say, huh? By God, the real reckless and irresponsible agitators around here are the members of the Board of Transportation. If anyone needed proof of that and why we need a strong union, that poster was it."

The 148th St. car maintenance yard, one of the best organized TWU units in the transit system, heard Cabrial denounce the latest Board attempt to intimidate the workers. They cheered his call for a full turnout at the TWU demonstration today at 11:00 a. m. before the Board's offices at 250 Hudson St.

The rally also had a strong anti-Hearst flavor when workers ripped to bits copies of the New York Journal-American carrying a story baiting "public protest" story against Michael, Quill, CIO transit leader.

# British Army Trucks Plow Into Cairo Crowds

The Egyptian interior ministry yesterday reported 13 killed and more than 100 injured in Thursday's anti-British demonstrations, as the crisis mounted to new heights. Other reports listed at least 23 dead.

Troops blocked students attempts to meet for noon prayer service in memory of their comrades, the United Press reported from Cairo.

Meanwhile, as Egyptian and British troops and armor patrolled the city, the British minister was reported to have protested to the Egyptian government concerning damage to property.

Egyptians universally were aroused at the actions of British truck drivers, who drove through thousands of massed demonstrators on the Kasr-el-Nil road, sending bodies flying through the air.

A new organization has appeared

## NATIONAL STRUGGLE REACHES NEW LEVEL

on the scene, the National Committee of Students and Workers. On an appeal from this committee, all business, schools and transport in Cairo and Alexandria was shut tight yesterday. For the first time in years, schoolgirls participated in mass meetings.

United Press said that while universities, schools and factories were expected to re-open Friday, the Committee was mapping further steps against the actions of the British troops.

### "BODIES FLEW"

An eyewitness account of the Kasr-el-Nil incident came from Eileen Boyle, of Duluth, Minn., news editor for the United Nations Information Service, as quoted in yesterday's Times:

"The crowd was thickly packed

in the street from curb to curb, and as it neared the first corner beyond the square, three British army trucks came against the crowds... they increased the speed of their vehicles and drove through the crowd. Bodies literally flew as they struck and I counted six prostrate forms."

The national movement in Egypt is directed not only against the British occupation, but also at the conciliatory attitude of the Cedy Pasha government, which was brought into office five days ago.

Sedky Pasha, head of the Egyptian Federation of Industries is remembered in Egypt as having broken the national movement of 1930 with severe repression against the people. He is repeating the same thing now. The Egyptian people have two

main demands of a national character; the social demands are only now rising to the surface.

They want evacuation of all foreign troops to be specified in the terms of the new treaty now under discussion with Britain to replace the treaty of 1936.

They also want England to get out of the Sudan — the southern province which controls the headwaters of the Nile. Until now, the Sudan has been governed formally by a joint Anglo-Egyptian rule, though actually the British governor-general has been decisive.

### OTHER BRITISH EMPIRE HEADACHES

In Palestine, where British forces have carried on a virtual guerilla warfare against the Jewish People, attacks by Jewish partisans were

launched on Thursday upon police headquarters in Haifa and Tel Aviv. Explosions and rifle fire were heard around the headquarters and new British police searches are on.

In Singapore, demonstrations have been going on for a week in commemoration of the fall of the city in 1942, which the British would rather forget. The demonstrations have gripped the mixed population of Indians, Malays and Chinese though the British have tried to set the Malays against the Chinese and 100 of the latter were reported killed.

Indian nationalists erected a monument to Subhas Chandra Bose, who organized the Indian National Army at Singapore under Japanese rule.

A demonstration of Chinese Communists on Feb. 15 to recall Japanese barbarism in Singapore was suppressed by the British troops, and one Chinese was killed.



# Justice for Fergusons, Communist Rally Asks

Special to the Daily Worker

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Feb. 22.—Three hundred Negro and white citizens last night braved intimidation to attend a meeting called by the Hempstead club of the Communist Party to protest the police killings of Charles and Alfonso Ferguson.

The meeting sent resolutions to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Mayor Cyril Ryan of Freeport, and voted to send a delegation, led by New York Councilman Benjamin Davis and Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., to Albany.

Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, widow of Charles, spoke, asking that her husband's slayer be punished. She added she did not know how she was going to feed her three children. She had not received any aid from the Army.

The crowd jammed the tiny Negro Odd Fellow's lodge rooms—the only place in the county that would permit the meeting—to hear Councilman Davis, John Lavin, Nassau County Communist Party secretary, and others.

Lavin told how Mrs. Minnie Ferguson learned of Charles' death from a child in the neighborhood; how Alfonso died after eight hours in a hospital, without his family being notified; how Joseph, the sailor, lay seriously wounded overnight in jail, without medical care; how Richard, the fourth brother, was held and sentenced to 100 days in jail without a lawyer.

## PROTEST WHITEWASH

Cries of indignation greeted the announcement that the Grand Jury had whitewashed the slaying and that Patrolman Joseph Romeika was still walking Freeport streets with a gun.

Davis pledged the Communist Party to fight for justice for the Fergusons. The Negro people should join the party, he said, "because the Republican Party is in power here, and they have whitewashed the slayer. The Democratic Party has done nothing to see justice done."

"Workers all over the world will fight to see justice done in Freeport," Davis declared. "This is the big fight. This is the fight for the

peace. It is the fight against Rankin, Bilbo and District Attorney Gehrig."

Michael Orfnick, a member of UE Local 450, Rev. Enoch Terry, and Rev. Charles Cooper, Hempstead Negro ministers, and Arthur Harris, a vet, also spoke.

## Parley Here Today On Freeport Slayings

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Councilman Michael J. Quill and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Harlem Assemblyman Hulan Jack will speak at an emergency conference today (Saturday) on the Freeport slayings.

Called by the Veterans Against

## Wire Dewey For Action on Freeport Killing

As Nassau County District Attorney James N. Gehrig cynically promised two weeks ago, the case of the brutal police slaying of a Negro GI and his brother, a war veteran, in Freeport, Feb. 5, was given "routine" treatment by the Grand Jury.

A lily-white jury of 23 Long Island property owners—working men and women without real estate are barred from Grand Jury duty—whitewashed Joseph Romeika, the killer-cop. Gehrig said the cop was "justified."

But was he?

A Freeport Citizens Committee says NO! Hundreds of democratic organizations of the people and thousands upon thousands of individual Americans say NO!

The cop says he killed the Negroes—Pfc. Charles E. Ferguson and Alfonso Ferguson—when he "thought" they were armed. But they had no arms.

This is a case of Dixie-style justice. It is a result of a Jim-crow pattern of life in Freeport.

The Freeport case must become the case of the people of America vs. policeman Romeika, District Attorney Gehrig and Freeport Police Chief Peter Elar.

Why is Gov. Dewey silent? He must act. Wire him. Demand:

- A special investigation of the slaying.
- Removal of District Attorney Gehrig.
- Appointment of a special prosecutor to supersede Gehrig in the case.
- The selection of a special Grand Jury, including Negro jurymen, to hear all evidence of the shooting.
- Demand removal of Police Chief Elar, suspension of policeman Romeika and his indictment and trial for manslaughter.

This was a lynch-like killing in the rotten tradition of Bilbo's and Rankin's Mississippi. It must receive no legal justification in New York. The killer must be punished.

Discrimination and United Veterans for Equality, the conference is scheduled to open at 1 p.m. in the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43 St.

Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, widow of Pfc. Charles E. Ferguson, will address the meeting.

Trade unions and other organizations have been asked to send delegates to shape future action to win justice for the Fergusons.

# AFL Hugs Company Unionism

MINN. UNIONS INVITE TO INDUSTRY STRESSES NO-STRIKE POLICY

The role formerly played by company unions is being taken over by some sections of the American Federation of Labor.

That sounds like strong language, but witness the advertisement (see reproduction) which the Minnesota Federation of Labor bought and paid for in the Wall Street Journal and the Journal of Commerce.

"You're safe with us," the ad says in effect. "Play ball our way and we'll see that you have no strikes."

By that token, the Minnesota Federation acts in conformity with the AFL executive council which proclaims the miracle of "strikeless wage gains," insisting that it has won raises of 10 to 20 percent and more for 2,500,000 with hardly a work stoppage.

## "FREE RIDERS"

Such AFL spokesmen blandly ignore that a CIO strike wave fought and won raises which accrue also to AFL members. They ride the wave and they do it as "free riders."

Often increases they get are lower as a result of their non-participation, but they're carried along in part by the upward trend initiated by the struggles of others.

That the executive council and the Minnesota Federation do not speak for AFL members as a whole is demonstrated, however, by the fighting spirit that's being shown by rank and filers around the country.

The Federation has participated in two general strikes on wage questions in recent months—in Stamford, Conn., and in Lancaster, Pa.

AFL internationals registering real gains, have conducted militant strikes, notably the International Typographical Union.

## BIG BUSINESS' DREAM

A labor movement that refuses to struggle on its own behalf is the dream of Big Business. In Detroit, the anti-labor Knight newspapers, organs of the automobile industry, advise exactly the kind of action that the Minnesota Federation leadership is pursuing.

The Knight papers call it the "Gompers line." In a recent editorial they contrasted AFL and CIO with this concluding comment:

"The AFL had stuck pretty consistently to the historic Gompers' policy of straight trade unionism—direct demands on the boss for more money, shorter hours and better working conditions. It has no political annex comparable to PAC

## AN EDITORIAL The Lancaster Victory

Thank Lancaster, Pa. (population 60,000), for a labor victory of national importance.

AFL workers turned back a union-busting offensive by the local traction monopoly. They won a 12-cent an hour raise, union security and other benefits for transport strikers.

The transit strike was almost lost when other AFL unions, backed by the CIO, carried through a general strike on their behalf. By that act, Lancaster furnished new and dramatic evidence of an old truth—unity wins labor struggles.

But more significant even than this is the revealing light Lancaster casts on the AFL and the difference between its membership and its leadership. The general strike, coming soon after the city-wide stoppage that paralyzed Stamford, Conn., for a day, shows that rank and filers repudiate the hat-in-hand "strikeless" policy of top circles. They fight for decent wages and their unions, the same as CIO members do, and Lancaster is symbolic of the unity between the two branches of labor everywhere.

WHICH BOY'S FATHER OWNS THE PLANT  
AND WHICH BOY'S FATHER IS THE CARPENTER?



• In Minnesota, the boss' son goes swimmin' with the carpenter's boy.

We tell you that because we American Federation of Labor folks in Minnesota get along with our bosses.

We believe in private initiative, not government in business. We want the boss to make money and expand his business. When he can expand, he needs more of us, and we are an ambitious bunch.

Besides . . . you can't go swimmin' with a government bureau.

We AFL employees in Minnesota helped turn out \$2,000,000,000 worth of war materials without any stoppage of work.

Twin City Ordnance, St. Paul; General Mills, Minneapolis; and Butler Shipbuilders, Duluth, are three typical Minnesota industries that turned out war material faster than it could be hauled away. They had contracts with AFL unions. There were many others.

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From the Wall St. Journal

and few doctrinaire economic and social enthusiasts. Whether this helps to account for its strikeless wage gains is an interesting question."

## But Those Profits Keep Rolling Along

Elastic Stop Nut Corp. (no kidding) had a tough stretch during the last couple of years since its former president committed suicide while the firm was under SEC investigation. Yet it reports profits of \$893,358 for the last fiscal year. The workers kept producing all that time, it seems.

## General Foods Profits

General Foods netted, after taxes, \$13,143,763 last year. It was a jump of better than a half million over 1944. The head of General Foods, Charles Colby, is in charge of the NAM campaign against price control.

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## CP Vets Ask U.S. Probe Slayings

The Communist Party's national veterans committee and national Negro commission yesterday called upon President Truman to order an immediate investigation into the wave of terror against Negro GIs and vets which has already resulted in three police killings.

The request was made in a joint statement by Saul Wellman, of the vets' committee, and Henry Winston, of the Negro commission.

both veterans.

The statement listed the killing of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, Long Island, and the slaying of Timothy Hood, ex-marine, by the police chief of Bessemer, Alabama.

"Shot while trying to escape," was the old Nazi alibi for lynching an anti-fascist," the Communist leaders said, "Shot while reaching for a non-existent weapon is the new alibi of fascist police officials."



# School Kids Learn Facts of Strike On Picket Line

Wide-eyed 14-year-olds, ninth graders on a study tour, checked the facts of labor life right at the source this week. The three-week-old strike at the Phelps Dodge Refining Corp., Maspeth, Queens, was their classroom.

They are students at the Elizabeth Irwin High School, progressive Manhattan private institution, and they're studying the community.

Blowing on their hands, they marched in freezing weather along a picket line maintained by 800 CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, before the four-block plant on the edge of Newton Creek. Then, notebook in hand, they questioned the strikers about why they came out, how much they earned, who paid them while they were out and how their families were living.

## THE TEACHER

Cigar-smoking James T. Walsh, treasurer of the striking local, took over as teacher in the improvised strike headquarters, told how the company rejected a War Labor Board directive.

He related how the men were fighting for three years' back pay,

six paid holidays a year, night shift differentials and increased vacation pay, all ordered by the WLGB.

He described the back-breaking work performed in the 75-year-old plant in Queens' "industrial valley" which produces the copper ingots from which wire is drawn. He told about an average \$40 a week wage, about to be cut on the eve of the strike through a curtailed work week, and added that strikers were demanding a \$2 a day raise, too.

About half the students brought cameras. Their shutters clicked as the tour led to the soup kitchen, the picket line and then to a strike meeting.

Shirley Bakeman, 14, asked the \$64 question. "What can we do to help?" she wanted to know.

Sam Pope, leader of a strike relief committee showed her a larder filled with canned goods.

"We can use all we can get," he said.



## Three Vets With a Program

THEY ARE GOING TO ALBANY MONDAY TO TELL THE STATE ABOUT IT

George Kirschner, Jim Schlecker and Norman Sokolow are three of hundreds of young people who are going to hit the highway to Albany Monday for a bonus, housing, ending of discrimination in New York colleges, the right to vote at 18, and full employment.

George was in the Coast Guard, Jim was in the Army and Norman was in the Navy. George hails from Brooklyn, Jim from Manhattan and Norman from the Bronx.

They are leaving 31 St. between Seventh and Eighth Aves. Monday at 9:30 a.m. on the novel cavalcade sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy.

"Why am I going?" says George. "I have no place to live."

The 25-year-old Coast Guarder is married. He spent two years overseas and saw action as a 40-mm "twin forty" fire director at Okinawa and Luzon.

"I've been back two months," he continued, "and we're living with my in-laws in Williamsburgh. There are seven people in five rooms. My wife's kid sister has to sleep on a couch in the living room and the way the house is you have to go through that room often. She goes to school and it's pretty tough on her sleeping."

"Just a couple of doors away there's an empty apartment house where there was a fire about eight months ago. It's been boarded up since then and no work done on it.

How about that? I'm going to ask someone about that in Albany, Monday."

"Oh yeah," he finished. "Maybe this is a good gag for you to use in your paper. I'm a plumber's helper, work on other people's houses, can't get one for myself."

Jim Schlecker is 24, single, spent two years in Sicily and Italy with the Fifth Army.

"My big beef at Albany will be about schooling. A lot of the fellows who want to finish their education are running into the same trouble—not enough of them being taken into the schools they want to go to. No room, no expansion. I'm interested in science and physics. I applied at Antioch a month and a half ago—they were closed till September. So was the RCA Institute. What we need is a large free State University, and to end tax exemptions to all universities that discriminate and set racial quotas. They got to expand facilities plenty to keep the GI Bill from looking bad."

Norman Sokolow is 22. He was with the Navy Air Corps in the central and northern Pacific.

"I want a job. I was a radioman in the Navy but that's not enough to pass the test and get a civilian license. If I could get some government training in radio, a short course giving me the rest of the practical background I need. The only job alternatives I have are awful—poor pay and no future."

## Liberties Group Hits GE Injunction Suits

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties has joined with a CIO union in Fort Wayne, Ind., in fighting a General Electric Co. application for an injunction against mass picketing. The federation said issuance of an injunction there was contrary to the Norris-La Guardia Anti-Injunction Act, and asked Judge Luther M. Swygert to dismiss the GE petition.

The Fort Wayne case is one of 13 in which injunctions are pending or have been granted against the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, now on strike against GE and Westinghouse companies.

## Strikers Teach School

Fourteen-year-old ninth graders from the Elizabeth Irwin High School (The Little Red Schoolhouse) interview workers on strike at the Phelps Dodge Refining Corp., Queens, about the issues that caused them to walk out.

Ann Epstein and Barbara Cohen, notebook in hand, check with Lieutenant (that's his first name) Jackson, a laborer four years in the shop, on the issues that brought the workers out.

At left, James T. Walsh, treasurer of the striking Local 541 of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, is explaining to the wide-eyed 14-year-olds how the company defied War Labor Board directives.

Students made the trip in connection with a study of community activities, and gave up a day of their winter vacation to visit the strikers.

—Daily Worker Photos.

"And when it comes to going to school we have to look elsewhere," he concluded. "And that's why three vets are going to Albany."

## UAW Local Upholds Ban on Trotzkyite Rag

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Feb. 22.—Trotzkyites got the "bum's rush" for the second time from the executive board of Local 735 of the CIO United Auto Workers when they appealed a decision barring their paper, The Militant, from the union hall, picket lines and the strike kitchen.

The board unanimously upheld its decision, taken on the basis that The Militant falsified facts about the strike and attacked union leaders in a way that helped General Motors.

The city-wide GM strike committee has also recommended that all locals keep The Militant out of strike areas. In reply, the Trotzkyite paper launched a red-baiting campaign, laying the ban to a "Stalinist plot emanating from Moscow for suppression of militant working class freedom of speech."

Trotzkyites have been distributing thousands of copies of the paper free during the strike. Streets are littered with them daily, especially around the Ford plant where they are thrown by workers after distributions.

## Correction

The picture story in the Daily Worker of Feb. 19 on the Schenectady injunction fight was based on material submitted by Sadie Van Veen.

## SUB-GETTERS CONTEST

At Last!

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# Change the World

by Mike Gold

ALBERT MALTZ has written a letter answering my column discussing his New Masses piece. Albert is angry. He says I have slandered him. His letter is long, but I give the gist of it in this limited space:

"I was prepared to find in your column a searching analysis of what I had to say. But what did I find? No analysis—a few words devoted to misstatement of my position—and then the conclusion that I was about to join Max Eastman and Eugene Lyons."



"What follows now? Don't you see that the result of this personal attack on me can only stultify all discussion, frighten off people who have come to any conclusion (not necessarily mine) that disagrees with accepted tenets?"

"It is easy for me to reject your scarecrow image of me, for I am firm in my beliefs and in my loyalties to the progressive movement. What I was—I am. The beliefs I held—I hold, and will continue to hold, despite your unfriendly haste."

"The real victims of your column are

the younger writers . . . those new to the movement . . . who witness this ferocity, this unbecoming descent to personality slander—all directed against someone who raises a question and advances a thesis—possibly an unpopular question and unsound thesis."

Out of one omitted paragraph let me stop to pick this epithet—"political blackmail." Albert says I am using a "blackmail" club and forbidding anyone to discuss the points he raises.

This is very rich arguifying, indeed. Free speech to Maltz means that he can freely write a piece in the New Masses in which the Communist movement is accused of enforcing a vulgar, coarse, anti-artistic, narrow dictatorship over writers, a dictatorship that has hampered our literature and falsified our critical standards.

Albert can say this, in 2,000 words or so, but I am not supposed to take 750 words in a column to answer him. Which is not free speech, Albert. People have a right to defend the "left literary movement," as well as to defame it.

As to your charges of personal slander, I can't believe you are thin-skinned. You are not a little boy, a literary novice just coming into this movement, but a veteran of some 15 years. It doesn't matter whether my manners are good or bad. That's not the main issue here. There

are bigger things, and one of them is the future of the Communist movement in this country. Over that we must fight like tigers for the Marxist line. Browderism is what happens when we don't.

MALTZ shows by his letter that he still doesn't understand how dangerously anti-Marxian his whole way of thinking has become.

I might have been "personal, slanderous and crude," but Samuel Sillen, Daily Worker literary critic, took the Maltz contraption to pieces with skill, reason and good manners. Not a harsh epithet was used. Not a personality was uttered. Sam gave the "searching analysis" Maltz demands in his letter to me.

Maltz ignores all this, however, to concentrate on my lack of manners. I would rather hear him make some detailed answer to the case made by Sillen—that Maltz's thesis is a retreat from Marxism, that it is a denial of the social role of the artist, that it is a veiled attack on the Communist movement and lays a new basis for conciliating Trotskyism, that it defends the liquidators of left-wing literature, etc., etc.

And Sillen is not slandering—he is arguing for the basic truths and principles that alone can build a labor literature and lead the American people on the road to socialism.

## Albert Maltz and Plain Speaking

AS A VETERAN Maltz knows that the Communist movement is coming out of no decade of narrow, stifling sectarianism, out of a period of Browderism, when Marxism was being liquidated. We grew so broad we lost our own shape and standard. All that was truly Communist and rooted in the masses was being skillfully wrecked by the champions of "breadth" and Browderism.

Now that is over, and we are painfully trying to get back on the Marxist rails of history. The young writers Maltz worries about will never be misled by this return to Marxism. But they would be derailed and damaged if they learned to tolerate Trotskyites and to be as non-political as Albert Maltz tells them they can be.

That way lies the Ivory Tower, the floundering in the marsh, the negative and passive literature of the cafes and esthetic cliques. Albert is preaching a terrible confusion. It makes me mad to think of him doing it so "naively," after 15 years in the movement. I have a right to fight such stuff and shall never surrender that right. Furthermore, the time has come to restore the fighting Marxist heart into our literature—fascism is strong now, we must become stronger, not weaker, Albert.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Mining Industry Has High Fatality Rate

Nesquehoning, Pa.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

During the war we produced more coal than ever before. Were we paid any more? No sir, the companies were too busy paying out large dividends to a pack of parasites who never mined coal. Our boys fought in the war and saved the properties of management in our country. Now they must fight another war at home to get their jobs back with a living wage.

If the public knew the facts on the miner's side, I am sure they would be slow to condemn. Brutal force is used by the coal companies, by their police, or the military, depending on the influence they have with the state governor.

The coal mining industry has

one of the highest fatality rates in industry but very little is done to remedy the situation. Coal is considered before life, the mule second because it costs money. The miner comes third, he costs nothing.

A HARD COAL MINER.

### Fight for Socialism

New York  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I've noticed a good number of letters in the column lately about talking for socialism. A welcome return to a healthy attitude! I'm for us talking and fighting for socialism—not a hundred years from now, or 25 years, or 10—but as something that's a good idea for now.

Just look at the world—a shambles of rubble and corpses. Why? Because we let capitalism live on when it should have been re-

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placed by the system which fits the era. I think we ought to take a lead from William Z. Foster and teach and fight for socialism as the only economy we can safely turn over to our children if we don't want them to wind up as ashes from an atomic bomb attack.

M.E.

### Stick Together, Tom!

Philadelphia, Penna.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I'm writing this for all the 2,500 girls on strike at the American Tobacco Co.

In a story in Feb. 13 Daily

Worker, we read about Tom! Rheinhardt who is campaigning for Johannes Steel. He told the reporter that he just lost his job because he kept telling one of the workers to stop smoking scab Lucky Strike cigarettes.

We are very sorry that you lost your job in this fight, Tom! But, listen—we are all fighting together against the bosses who want to bust the unions and force our wages down. By sticking together, we will all win our fight.

MARY TURNER,  
CHAIRMAN, STRIKE COMM.

### On the Importance Of the Leaflet

New York  
Editor, Daily Worker:

At this moment, one of the best opportunities in the history of our Party is presenting itself. Before the revisionist period, the

mimeographs in our sections were working full speed printing leaflets explaining the issues of the day to the people. Today when such leaflets can do a great job, these mimeographs are getting rusty in our club corners.

Today, leaflets on the strike front can do an important job exposing the capitalist sit-down strike and, at the same time, make clear to the American people the imperialist nature of our present foreign policy.

Since our press reaches only a small portion of the American people, we should strive to reach more with leaflets. We should bring these leaflets to the picket lines and assure the strikers of our support.

R.P.

### Living Cost Rise Is Wage Cut

New York  
Editor, Daily Worker:

In our explanations of the relationship of wages, prices, profits and specifically in our fight to hold the line on prices, it should be pointed out that a rise in the cost of living is in part a retroactive pay cut. Any part of the wartime earnings a worker may have saved, in war bonds or otherwise, correspondingly lose their worth. A 25 percent rise in the cost of living means that instead of making \$1.00 or \$1.25 an hour, the worker is really making 75 cents and 94 cents respectively, which is quite a come-down.

We all gladly took part of our wartime earnings in IOU's, but already they have been clipped badly, and it's going to take a bitter struggle to keep them from being whittled down further.

R. PIERCE

### Everyone Is a Potential Reader

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I had great satisfaction when a friend and I went out to sell to the people the one paper which levelled off at the tugboat owners during the strike. We had 20 copies of the Daily Worker and sold them very quickly.

What a shame it is that we Communists are not yet coming out on the streets. The people want us and are ready for us. I am thoroughly convinced that wherever we go there are potential readers of our press who are only waiting for us to bring the paper to them.

J. G.

## Economic Issues

CHESTER BOWLES, recently appointed Stabilization Administrator, was wrong in his statement to the House Banking and Currency Committee, Feb. 19, when he asked labor to accept "some cut" in its take-home pay. Facts outlined in his statement were



proof enough that maintenance of wages would be possible if the owners of industry would be satisfied with less.

But Bowles didn't ask the owners to take less. Instead, he asked American business to "live with its present generally high level of profits."

Discussing the effects of the big profits of 1945, he said that it was significant that the boards of directors of American corporations declared \$1,500,000,000 in dividends in the final quarter of 1945—after the war was over.

He might have added that the dividends expected in the current year will be even higher than those of last year. In fact, Wall Street expects them to reach a total of approximately \$5,000,000,000.

Poor's Investment Advisory Service, in its Feb. 9 issue said: "The general dividend trend is upward." In January there were 33 increases in dividend payment rates against 19 in the like month of 1945 and 98 extra dividends paid compared with only 71 a year ago. These were over and above the regular dividends paid out in that one month.

And this stream of dividends for stockholders, the investment service tells us, "will swell greatly as the year progresses. You can expect the later months of 1946 to bring the most spectacularly favorable dividend de-

### by Labor Research Assn.

velopments in many years.

THESE dividends will be paid out of war-accumulated surpluses as well as out of current profits which, in many lines, are continuing very high, as Bowles pointed out.

He might have gone further and publicized the general expectation that this year, with the end of the excess profits tax, will see "higher corporate earnings," as the Magazine of Wall Street puts it (Jan. 19, 1946), than in either 1944 or 1945. For some groups of companies the increase may be from 25 percent to 30 percent above 1945 levels.

In the light of all the evidence available, and even admitting a temporary cost-price squeeze for a few companies, Bowles was conservative when he said: "On the whole American business is extremely profitable. Its prospects in general were never brighter."

One of the best parts of his statement dealt with the nonsense contained in the fancy, full-page advertisements of the National Association of Manufacturers. This Sloan-Pew-duPont gang has been trying to tell us that production is impossible unless all price controls are scrapped.

Perhaps they think no one will remember that we have had price control during the war years and that production during that period hit an all-time high, the Federal Reserve Board index of industrial production rising about 100 percent.

Today, despite all the "road-blocks" that the NAM crowd itself has been throwing in the way of production, we have, as Bowles put it, a production which "is surely at the highest point ever achieved in peacetime." And it could have been a lot higher if the

### How About Cutting "Take-Home" Dividends?

corporations had not provoked strikes in basic industries.

BOWLES could also have pointed out that where production has lagged it has not been the fault of price control. The Senate committee he was addressing surely recalls the fact that five successive price increases to the lumber monopoly since 1941 failed to stimulate production, which is now down one-third from its 1941 level because of the inadequate wages paid to lumber workers.

He might also have reminded the manufacturers of their swollen inventories piled up by those who have been speculating on a complete breach of the price line and the sweeping away of all price controls.

An acute economic observer, Jerome Schoenfeld, Washington representative of the Financial World, illustrates this amassing of inventories, when he reports the following incident:

"When OPA officials recently met with the men's suit advisory committee, one of the manufacturers suddenly blurted out, 'For my money, gentlemen, it's not so much a shortage of suits but warehouse space to put them in.' One of the industry's consultants—not on OPA payroll—told the officials the same story. These suggestions of sharply rising inventories are to be found for practically every industry."

And the Wall Street Journal admits also that "manufacturers' storerooms are bursting with literally millions of shirts."

The NAM assumes the people who read its expensive ads against price control are unaware of these facts. Bowles was indeed making the prize understatement of the year when he referred to NAM as merely "an irresponsible pressure group."



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## Fighting for Freedom

INDIA celebrated George Washington's birthday by another revolt against the tyranny of the British imperialists in London.

In Egypt, British clubs and guns shed the blood of another oppressed people who yearn for independence.

Swiftly does the accusation hurled by the Soviet delegation at the UNO meeting find confirmation. Imperialism sits on the necks of many nations and the chains which choke the peoples reach to Washington and London.

The British imperialists rule openly by club, by terrorism and through the ancient trickeries of "divide and conquer."

The Wall Street imperialists, coming later to the banquet table of loot, seek to reach power through indirect means, through buying concessions, through financial arrangements whereby they muscle in on the British domination.

At London the imperialists answered "liar" to the Soviet charges that imperialism menaces peace.

Will the Bevins and their American counterparts now say again it is a "lie" that India and Egypt, as well as Indonesia, Greece and China hate the chains of Washington-London intervention?

American imperialists prefer the "dry" method of rule and penetration. But this does not prevent them from acting as accomplice in the murder of small nations and colonial peoples.

In China, in Indonesia and now in India American arms are playing a part in the blood-letting.

In Indonesia American tanks are used to kill patriots. In China our men as well as our weapons aid the reactionaries.

It is to the interest of the United States—though not of Wall Street investors looking for loot—to have free nations rise out of the colonial prison-house.

Democratic independence in Europe or Asia helps democracy in the United States.

Logic, self-interest and decency demand that American troops be withdrawn from India and all other colonies at once. Our 50,000 U.S. troops have no democratic duties or role in India.

It is a scandal that the Indian population should see in our American boys the instruments of oppression. The American people fervently hope for the liberation of India and all other oppressed peoples now under imperialist domination. Let's get our boys out.

## A Unique Army

OF THE Big Three, the army of the Soviet Union is the only one not shooting down oppressed peoples in some corner of the world.

British and American troops face Indian, Chinese, Greek, Indonesian peoples as foes.

The Red Army could never be in such a situation because it is a different kind of army. The Red Army is pledged to fight the oppressors of peoples, like the Hitlerites, not the victims of oppression. It is based on equality of nations and peoples.

The Red Army commemorates its 28th birthday today.

Americans can well join them in their celebration. The limitless sacrifices of this army helped save the world, including the United States. The Red Army was aided by American supplies and by our boys' valiant battles in western Europe. But the cold facts are that the Red Army lost 10 men for every one the British-American forces lost in the west.

Those were the days when Gen. MacArthur told the Red Army that the "hopes of mankind rest on your worthy banners."

Hitler did not understand the strength of the Red Army. Neither did Lindbergh, Hearst or Martin Dies.

Today these Soviet-baiters are making the same error. They would like to plunge mankind into a futile and hideous war to do what Hitler failed to do—destroy the socialist state of the Soviet Union. Hitler failed.

So will they.

For the American people will never forget that the Red Army was its mighty ally in crushing Hitlerism.



— Between the Lines —

## Panic and Bedlam

by Joseph Starobin

SOMETHING very curious and very ominous has been shaking the ruling circles of our country in these last 10 days . . . maybe, the best way to put your finger on it is to recall that great old cartoon by Art Young which shows the fist of a workingman punching through the floor of a salon where a wild orgy of drink and dance and frivolity is going on. Remember that cartoon, in the style of the old Masses? That's how it all looked in this particular week.

Never before did you feel such a note of Panic in the ruling classes. Never before did their vaunted "public opinion" sound so much like Bedlam. Yes, Panic and Bedlam seem to have swept these United States in a short 10 days.

Take this Canadian spy scare, for example. It all makes the Canadian government (and the newspapermen and pundits surrounding them) look a little ridiculous, because the Soviet government was the one which told the whole story very simply on Wednesday.

There is no spy ring. No secrets were given away (because Canada doesn't have them anyway). What happened was that some Canadians befriended one or two subordinates in the Soviet embassy—and either overzealously or provocatively—volunteered "secret information," which was not secret at all and had been published in magazines and books.

When the Soviet government discovered that one or two of its subordinates were getting involved in such business, it recalled them on the grounds that such dealings were impermissible. In other words, the Russians themselves discouraged what the press of two continents was accusing them of encouraging. . . .

The Gamblers' Nightmare

What an unholy Bedlam broke out in the "free press" however. Think of the headlines, the spies under every bed, the radio flash-

es, the tremendous atmosphere of tension. And most sinister is the fact that the Canadian prime minister was ready to risk or encourage such an atmosphere even though his investigations were not concluded; equally sinister was the fact that he had discussed the entire affair with President Truman as long ago as October, as the White House press attache admitted last Saturday.

Such things come only from desperate men, from adventurers, irresponsibles, provocateurs. You could not help feeling this week that the great and powerful nations like the United States, Britain and Canada were in the hands of gamblers.

It's not only the clique of the Hearst and Scripps-Howard press. This was a week when the high-brow commentators like Walter Lippmann, Sumner Welles, Joseph and Stewart Alsop—not to mention Dorothy Thompson—were reaching the Hearstian level.

Lippmann Joins The Hue and Cry

I don't know whether you read all these worthies, or whether the spy atmosphere was somehow affecting them (Dorothy Thompson, of course, needs no stimulation of spy stories).

But Walter Lippmann has been arguing bitterly that we must take over half of the Near East and prepare for war with Russia, and even proposes that we send our Navy around the world to show everybody how strong our muscles are.

The Alsops are beside themselves because the imperialists of Britain cannot hold their murderous empire together any longer. Therefore, let's fight "Russian expansionism"—the code-word for democracy.

Sumner Welles dolefully intones an elegy for passing of American prestige; Dorothy Thompson, with more than her usual frenzy, turns on poor Henry Cabot Lodge, a Republican who had the temerity to suggest that friendship with the Soviet Union is "better than chaos."

Bedlam, sheer bedlam becomes the handmaiden of Panic, and you rub your eyes and wonder whether this is some scene from a gargantuan performance of the witches' ritual in Macbeth. . . .

But Art Young had the right idea in his cartoon. There are, on sober reflection, very good reasons for the intellectual rioting now going on in our ruling circles.

They see the fist of the workingman, of democracy, of the people, crashing through the tottering floor on which they dance.

They are doubled-up with fear because Indian sailors in India—the land Gandhi's non-violence—have trained the guns of warships upon Bombay harbor (symbol of what is stirring everywhere in Asia and the Near East).

Yes, and Stalin's speech also sticks in their craw. For he indicted monopoly-capitalism as the cause of war and calmly proclaims that while the capitalist world will writhe in crisis and decay the Socialist world intends to triple its living standards (and its power) by 1965.

Everything rolls up into one—Vishinsky at the UNO, American labor fighting for living standards, Egyptian students defying death, Yugoslav partisans rebuilding, Negro veterans marching. It's all too much for them.

Lippmann, Welles, Thompson, Truman, Bevin, Mackenzie King—they have seen their future. And it hurts.

## Worth Repeating

An Oklahoma newspaper writes of the Soviet Union, Britain and the UNO: "Russia now goes squarely before the United Nations Organization with an indictment of Great Britain for its 'interference' in Greece, its alleged coddling of fascist and anarchistic elements. This is not a charge from which Britain can easily escape. . . . Of all the indictments brought against Britain by Russia and others, this Greek case is probably the most flagrant!" The Tulsa World, Feb. 6.



## Red Army, An Army Of Democracy



### They Leave Their Tanks for Tractors:

Waving and smiling, Red Army soldiers, their victory won over Hitler's hordes, are shown as they returned home from Berlin to take their places again in the peaceful construction of Socialism.

By D. ZASLAVSKY

MOSCOW.

The Red Army, which is celebrating its birthday today, is the favored child of the Soviet people. In the Soviet Union the Army lives the life of the whole nation. On the eve of its anniversary the Red Army voted on the same terms as all citizens in the elections to the Soviet parliament, the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

The Red Army cannot be an army supporting the ruling classes against the people, for in the Soviet Union the ruling classes are the workers and peasants, and they are the people.

### YOUNG AND VICTORIOUS

This year the Red Army is 23 years old. The Red Army is young, but it is marked with the features of maturity and manliness. In the defeat of Hitler Germany the Red Army played the main and decisive part.

Before the Second World War the old armies of Germany and France contended for first place in Europe. The German army boasted of its traditions, which it traced to Prussian generals. The Germans succeeded in inspiring fear in Europe. Many thought that the German army was invincible, and the school of the German general staff was regarded as exemplary and classical. The Germans were the teachers of many European generals.

There was a great deal of conceit in the old French army. Very many there believed in the talents and skill of the generals of Pétain's school. The French army was considered the best land force in the world.

And the Red Army? At best, the attitude of the strategists of the old school toward it was one of condescension. The prevailing opinion was that the Red Army was no match for the old armies on the European continent. Conservative military theorists took it for granted that an army of the Soviet Socialist State could not be strong; that at best such an army could but act on the defensive, and that for only a short time.

Economists of the old world also took it for granted that the economy of the Soviet Socialist State could not be strong, that such an economy could not stand the tension of modern war.

### SOVIETS KNEW

The Soviet people, on the other hand, knew their own strength and the strength of their Red Army and trusted their leaders.

The issue of the Second World War has shown that the strongest army in the world is the Red Army. The "invincible" German army no longer exists. The Red Army drove the enemy from Soviet territory and liberated the nations enslaved by the Germans. These nations hail it as the liberator of Europe.

The Red Army displayed not only uncommon courage and fearlessness in the fight for its country, but also uncommon military skill and great technical strength. An explanation of this is to be found in the social

system of the Soviet Union. During the war the world was split into two military camps—fascism and democracy. Each camp had its nuances. But the main dividing line was distinct, and the attempts of the fascists to split the camp of democracy failed.

Today with fascism defeated in the war, it is natural for the dividing lines in the camp of democracy to come to the fore. But what was brought to light during the war cannot be obliterated or forgotten.

To the Hitlerites, the Red Army and the Soviet people represented the main and most formidable democratic force. It was a force that threatened them with extinction. In that quarter there were no hesitations, no pleas for merely bad fascists, no champions of a negotiated peace. That was why until the very last day Hitler kept his main forces in the East. That was why in the last minute the leaders of Hitler Germany sought refuge in the West. Most of them fled to the American and British occupation zones.

### LIQUIDATED FASCISM

Thus, it happened that as the Red Army advanced westward, the countries of eastern and southeastern Europe were cleared of fascism while the war was still in progress. Fascism fled before the Red Army just as shadows flee before the rays of dawn.

The Red Army drove out the fascists and freed the peoples. It was a liberation not only from the German invaders; in those countries all the old reactionary elements had linked their fate with the fate of the Germans—the elements that for centuries had established the rule of those reactionary elements that belong to the landowning class, the capitalists and bankers. It was the case in Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary.

To the nations freed by the Red Army, their liberation from the German fascists meant their liberation from reaction. The Red Army does not "impose" freedom and democracy on nations. The Red Army brought these nations freedom and democracy because it expelled the enemies of freedom and democracy, and also because the Red Army is by its very spirit and origin an army of the democracy, freedom and independence of nations.

It was that kind of an army when it was born 23 years ago, and that is how it has grown. The Red Army is an army of the Soviet State in which there is no place for national hatreds, where friendship among nations has become part both of the political system and of the mentality of the people, where any propaganda of national or racial inequality is treated as a crime. The Red Army is the army of a young Soviet nation which is free of colonial oppression, free of all national conceit and inequalities.

# Franco Murders Garcia, FFI Leader

Franco has murdered Cristino Garcia, one of the greatest of all Spanish guerrilla leaders who fought for the liberation of France. Cristino Garcia and nine of his comrades were executed in Madrid, according to a tiny item in yesterday's La Prensa, Spanish language paper here.

The wave of terror in Franco Spain is mounting to tidal proportions, and Voice of Fighting Spain, Spanish Republican radio program here, sent out this cry yesterday:

"Cristino Garcia need not have died. He could have been saved from the fascist executioner had the freedom-loving peoples of every land acted, protested to Franco authorities.

"We must learn the bitter lesson. We must act swiftly to save the lives of those great Spanish people's leaders—Santiago Alvarez and Sebastian Zapirain. They have not yet been murdered because the people everywhere spoke out. But in recent days, we learn, they have been subjected to torture. They are in imminent danger."

Cristino Garcia organized resistance against the Germans in the French mining region of Ales (Card), later leading a division of Spanish guerrillas who operated throughout the Nîmes region.

In 1943 he personally led an attack against the Nîmes central prison. Wounded in the fighting, he managed an audacious escape.

His guerrilla division, as part of the French Forces of the Interior, helped to liberate the departments of Card, Losere, Ardoche.

Once at La Madeleine Garcia with 40 men stopped a column of several thousand Germans led by a general, forcing them to surrender unconditionally.

When France was liberated, Garcia was named a Commandant of the FFI. But his own country was still under the fascist heel, and Garcia went to Spain.

There the Falangists caught him, tortured him, condemned him to die because he had fought against fascism for freedom.

## Yugoslav Coughlins on Trial

BELGRADE, Feb. 22. (UP).—Archbishop Ivan Sarich, of Sarajevo, and 155 Catholic priests and monks in his Bosnia-Herzegovina diocese will be tried as war criminals before a Peoples' Court of Justice, it was announced today.

An official communique from the Yugoslav State Commission for war crimes said Dr. Sarich was believed to be abroad.

According to the communique,

Sarich said in 1941 that he was a member of the pro-Nazi Ustachi movement and that "any son of our people is bound to be Ustachi."

The communique said that Sarich and the 155 churchmen were actively connected with the Ustachis, and that they "instigated, organized and perpetrated" mass crimes against the native population "of the same blood but different religion."

## Trust Plots to Lift Farm Prices

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—A statement to the farmers was issued here yesterday by the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers, warning that the International Harvester Corporation "is seeking unjustified price relief."

The warning was issued after the union approved the 18-cent wage boost recommendation of the fact-finding panel. The panel reported that the wage increase could easily be paid by the corporation without any increase in the prices of farm machinery.

Approval of the 18-cent increase by the union's National Harvester Council was strongly endorsed by a giant mass meeting of 8,000 farm equipment workers here last Wednesday evening.

The rally hailed the panel find-

ings as a victory for the air-tight strike which has shut 11 IHC plants, unanimously approved a resolution to stay on strike until the corporation agrees to the panel recommendations.

With negotiations being resumed, workers threw their full support behind a top negotiating committee.

### Spicy

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### Today—Manhattan

ARTISTS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA—Studio Workshop: 77 Fifth Ave., Saturday afternoon class, 2-4 p.m. Portrait instruction.

RABBI A. BICK at the Forum of the School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m., at 13 Astor Pl. Will discuss "Jewish Traditions in the Soviet Yiddish Literature." The forum will be conducted in Yiddish. Adm. 35¢.

### Tonight—Manhattan

PIUTE PETE of the Village Barn will call the lively steps of the square dance you'll learn so quickly. Bring your friends. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16 St., at 8:30 p.m., 75¢.

CELEBRATE RED ARMY DAY, Saturday, Feb. 23, 9-7 Dancing, entertainment, refreshments. Donation 50¢. Bring canned food for strikers. Ben Davis Club, C.P., 3215 Seventh Ave.

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT—Folk songs and popular dances by "Caravan Group" sponsored by A.L.A. Workshop Studio, 77 Fifth Ave., Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Tickets 50¢.

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### Tomorrow—Manhattan

SOCIAL SECURITY—National Health; The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill. Lecture by Herman A. Seligson. Forum, 3 p.m. Center, 571 W. 122 St., J.P.P.O.

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### Coming

ARTISTS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA, Workshop Studio (77 Fifth Ave.) Morning classes, life model instruction, beginning Tuesday, March 5. Registration every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12-1 p.m. BRIGHTON RUSSIAN RELIEF Committee celebrates 28th birthday of the Red Army. Russian Cabaret dance and floor show featuring Arline Carnen; Ref. for Bailey, Griffith and Vay. Dancers; Buffet, Saturday, March 3, at Brighton Community Center, 1300 Coney Island Ave. Adm. \$1 (tax incl.) Proceeds for drugs to USSR.

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# How Randolph Aided Filibuster

By CLAUDIA JONES  
(Second of a series)

In yesterday's article, we charged that the leaders of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC seek to make partisan capital out of the FEPC issue.

It is obvious that in so charging we differentiate between the leaders of the National Council and the thousands whose pennies and dollars have helped the FEPC fight through this channel.

Now here are some facts:

1. Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, Randolph's co-worker, busied herself in sabotaging the Jan. 17th Mass Peoples Delegation to Washington called under the leadership of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., and Councilman Benjamin J. Davis. The delegation included about 1,000 representatives from National Negro Congress, NAACP, Urban League, CIO and AFL, church, fraternal and youth groups. Members of that delegation reported that Mrs. Hedgeman deliberately urged many local groups not to come to Washington.

No progressive would take such a position, even with regard to the Feb. 28 rally for to do so would mean selfishly to hinder the fight for FEPC.

2. Leaders of the National Council, as widely reported by Washington observers, were responsible for bringing up the FEPC bill first in the Senate. This made the fight harder. In the Senate, the poll-tax Republican bloc has always been most virulent in their attacks against democratic procedures.

## RANDOLPH'S TACTICS

3. It was Randolph and Mrs. Hedgeman who worked behind the scenes to foil the plans of the most experienced, reliable and progressive group of Congressmen, the CIO, and other labor groups, and many Negro peoples organizations. The latter based their strategy on working for the House Discharge Petition to get FEPC to the House floor for vote. It is this strategy that still remains to be accomplished if the FEPC bill is to be made law in this session of Congress.

Progressive persons in the Na-

tional Council for a Permanent FEPC, reflected concern over the ill-devised strategy followed by the Randolph-Hedgeman leadership, on the very day the filibuster began.

Since the mass delegation was in Washington just then, many of these progressives urged delegates to do something about the "surprise" move of Chavez and the resultant filibuster. This, the delegation did, and it obtained many signatures to the House Discharge petition, and laid the groundwork for the later fight to secure Senators' signatures to the cloture petition.

Here, however, is graphic proof of the insufficient preparation on the part of the National Council leaders to beat the filibuster. And such strategy played into the hands of the bill's enemies.

## MOTIVE BARED

Does this mean that the National Council did absolutely nothing on FEPC? By no means. But Randolph's telegram to Bilbo's filibustering act, best reveals the motivation of their strategy.

Randolph proudly wired Bilbo that "while you are filibustering in Washington we are planning a Madison Square Garden rally, in which thousands of white New Yorkers are joining with fellow Negroes, Catholics and Jews in demanding fair employment practices."

While Bilbo was filibustering, progressive and labor forces recognized the filibuster as a danger signal requiring a heightened fight for victory on the FEPC. In this session of Congress. Not at some future date!

Had the National Council leaders plunged into this fight, instead of sabotaging the only mass Peoples March to Washington, ever held, they might have helped secure the eight votes which marked the difference between success or failure.

It is no wonder, then, that Randolph and Mrs. Hedgeman were more interested in corraling the angered sentiments of the Negro people for their own partisan purposes, than in fighting for FEPC

now. More than pompous oratory is needed for speedy enactment of FEPC legislation. There is a good idea there. For and labor will ask: Whose advice

do Mr. Randolph and Mrs. Hedgeman seek in their strategy on FEPC?

Why have they in their forthcoming meeting deliberately excluded progressive and labor forces?

(These questions will be answered in the concluding article in Monday's Daily Worker).

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## Moses, Yearning for 10c Fare, Seen Behind O'Dwyer Tax Plan

By MAX GORDON

Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Mayor O'Dwyer's leading brain-truster, is the key man in the renewed drive to break the five-cent fare, a leading political figure told this writer yesterday.

While refusing to be quoted by name, he said that Moses may already have sold the Mayor on the proposition.

Moses, a Republican, is the darling of the real estate and banking crowd that is clamoring for a 10-cent subway ride. He is also the man who brought O'Dwyer and Gov. Dewey together soon after O'Dwyer's election.

The then Mayor-elect was apparently sold a bill of goods at that meeting about how to finance the city.

Soon after O'Dwyer's election, he announced the reappointment of Moses. Later he made Moses czar over all postwar construction, including emergency housing.

Moses moved in still closer to the city's chief executive with the choice of George Spargo as deputy mayor. Spargo was Moses' deputy in the Park Department and in the Triborough Bridge and tunnel authorities.

The fact that O'Dwyer, a Democrat, has leaned so heavily on Moses, a Republican, has excited considerable comment. The reason for it is to be found chiefly in the political bankruptcy of the Democratic machines in the city.

O'Dwyer, green and not too confident in the ways of city government, wanted to lean on someone who knew the ropes and there was no one in Democratic circles. Moses

was quick to take advantage of the situation and became what former Mayor LaGuardia has called the city's "overburgmeister."

It was Moses who, a week ago last Wednesday, was negotiating secretly with GOP legislative leaders in Albany for permission to levy special taxes on the city. At that very moment, City Comptroller Lazarus Joseph was demanding at a public hearing that the state provide the extra money to meet the city's needs. Moses was acting for O'Dwyer.

Obviously inspired stories from Albany have suggested that Democratic legislative leaders, in order to get off the spot on which the sales and other tax proposals have put them, are turning to an increased fare.

Moses knows that the time for making a direct assault on the nickel fare is not yet ripe. But he has laid the basis for a renewed attack on the fare and hopes to break it soon.

The Mayor, meanwhile, by allowing Moses to run the show for him, has forfeited a chance to lead a state-wide drive against the \$122,000,000 cut in state income and business taxes and for greater state aid to local governments.

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## B'KLYN GI JUMPS FROM SALERNO TO SANFORD

Some GIs went into battle with some good-luck talismans in their pockets—a rabbit's foot, a sacred medal, a picture or a letter—anything that would shield them from a stray bullet. Stan (Kelly) Mosberg, of Brooklyn, had his magic charm, too. Under the coarse cover of his pack, it felt like a hand grenade.

Actually, it was an old baseball, profusely autographed by the Dodgers of 1941, the team that won the National League pennant. Mosberg carried that ball through three sea-borne invasions and into half a dozen major battles in the European theater. Whenever a lull permitted him to crawl out of his foxhole, up would come Stan with the ball and begin tossing it around with his comrades, often finding it necessary to hurry back to prepare to protect himself from an attack.

In the three years he served with the rugged and famous First Ranger Battalion, one objective burned deepest in his mind. That was to get back to take a crack at the Dodger shortstop job. Now Sam is home, and he's one of the likely-looking aspirants working out with other Flock prospects in Sanford, Fla. But, perhaps, he still needs a little more seasoning.

In fact, Stan didn't stay very long around Brooklyn when he received his walking papers from the Army. He tarried just long enough to say "Hello" and "Good-bye." Then he trekked to Bob Feller's GI playing school to get sun-tanned and in good condition. When the Brooklyn vanguard arrived, Stan was there to greet them as a committee of one. He was ready for his trial with the Dodgers.

To play with the Dodgers has been his one consuming ambition in life. In 1940 he had a difficult decision to make—whether to go out for his high school team, Erasmus Hall, and become a hero with all the adolescent glory that went with it, or to be content to play at the Parade Grounds with a Sunday sandlot team, only a short distance from Ebbets Field.

When he learned of his chance of catching a scout's eye on the sandlot diamonds, he made up his mind in a minute. The Parade Grounds had produced such stars as Tom Brown, George Fallon and Bill Lohrman, all big leaguers, hadn't it?

Stan first hooked up with the Corsairs of the Kiwanis League, hit 314 in 26 games, and was one of the top shortstops in the loop. The next year, 1940, he was with the Whippets and upped his average to .329. In his last season before enlisting, he was with the Plaza Cubs and swatted a lousy .353 for 32 games. He was picked to play in a post-season semi-pro tourney, and in three games banged out six hits in 11 trips, including a homer and two doubles.

Branch Rickey, Jr., had the Brooklyn youth tabbed long ago as a star and kept an eye on him during the years he was in the Army. The former sandlot ace saw action with the Rangers in Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Cassino, Southern France and Germany. He wears the Presidential Unit Citation.

A nephew of Sammy Mosberg, former Olympic lightweight champ, Stan took up boxing while in khaki, winning six out of six fights, with two coming via the knockout route.—(Sporting News.)

## Protest Jimcrow Swimming Pool

The banning of Negroes from the St. George Hotel swimming pool was protested yesterday by 2,000 members of Local 125, Fur Floor and Shipping Clerks' Union (CIO).

Jimcrow is a "continuation of the Hitlerian ideology," the Fur Floor unionists declared.

Here is the complete text of the letter sent by the union to the manager of the St. George Hotel: "In the name of 2,000 members of Local 125, the Executive Board, which met on February 5, went on record condemning the recent act of discrimination against the Negro people who wanted to use your swimming facilities.

"This shameful display of Jim-crowism cannot be tolerated. The

Negro people have distinguished themselves in every phase of American life. The contributions that they have made in the war is a story of insurmountable sacrifice.

"We have just concluded a terrible war to guarantee democracy for all peoples. Your policy of discrimination is a continuation of the Hitlerian ideology that denies the 'freedoms' so many Americans, Negro and white, defended with their lives.

"We demand that this un-American policy of the St. George Hotel end immediately, and that in the future you grant equal rights and privileges to all Americans, regardless of race, color or creed."

## Fight City Eviction Threat

Despite promises by the City Housing Authority, more than 130 families face eviction from the Amsterdam site at 160th St. and Broadway.

In December, 1945, the City Housing Authority promised a delegation the people would not be put on the street. Yet, the tenants were given eviction notices effective Feb. 3.

To this date the replacement center has found housing for seven families. The rents of the tenants have been refused.

Ceryl Heath, chairman, said that, of the 164 families living in the houses, 30 found "any sort of houses" and moved out. There are still 130 families there.

These families that moved together made the incomes of these families above that of the required \$2100 for a family. Leaving about 25 families eligible to return to the housing project after it is built.

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., who spoke at a protest meeting

at 175 W. 53d St. said it was the job of any government to protect the people; in this case the job of the city to see that the people are not put out on the street.

"If the city government puts people out," Davis said, "it will be taking the tactics of the landlords. The people must see this does not happen."

Thomas Jones, of the United Veterans for Equality, pledged the support of the veterans in their fight for housing and to see that they are not put on the street.

Other speakers were Robert Jones, Jr., Fair Employment Practice examiner, and Mrs. James Kolar.

## Knut Hamsun Won't Be Tried

OSLO, Feb. 22 (UP).—Charges of Nazi collaboration will be dropped against Knut Hamsun, Norwegian author and Nobel prize winner, war crimes prosecutors announced today.

Hamsun, who is 87 years old, was charged with participating in Nazi propaganda activities. The charges were dropped because of his "weak mentality," according to the announcement.

## Tigers Sign Newhouser

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 22 (UP).—After a two-day hold-out, star southpaw Hal Newhouser signed his 1946 contract with the Detroit Tigers today and reportedly will receive between \$40,000 and \$45,000 for the season.

Newhouser, most valuable player in the American League for the last two seasons, when he won a total of 54 games, came to terms in a long-distance telephone with Tigers' general manager George Trautman who is in Valdosta, Ga.

Newhouser said he was "very satisfied" with the terms, which make him the highest paid pitcher in baseball with the possible exception of Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians who gets \$42,500.

With Hank Greenberg reportedly receiving 60,000 this year, the Tigers employ two of the highest paid players in the league.

## Baby Kidnapped In Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (UP).—Police reported tonight that four-month-old Laura Lieberman was kidnapped in her buggy while her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Lieberman, 25, was shopping in a department store.

The mother told police she left the child in the buggy outside the store for half an hour. When she returned, baby and buggy were missing.

Police said Mrs. Lieberman had been separated from her husband, Lowell Lieberman, of Detroit, for two months.

Mrs. Lieberman told police she and her mother had gone to the store about 3:45 p.m. (EST) to do some shopping.

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Trentiners Club  
WOR—Prescott Robinson  
WJZ—Tell Me, Doctor  
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—News Reports  
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend  
WQXR—Opera Arias  
11:15-WOR—Tex Fletcher  
WJZ—Bible Messages  
11:30-WOAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell  
WJZ—Chapter Bowler-Talk  
WABC—Billie Burke Show  
WMCA—Saturday Serenade  
WQXR—String Time  
11:45-WJZ—Chet Gaylord, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time  
WOR—House of Mystery  
WJZ—Piano Playhouse  
WABC—Theater of Today  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music  
12:15-WJZ—Elizabeth Woodward  
12:30-WEAF—Music for Saturday  
WOR—News; Answer Man  
WJZ—The American Farmer  
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood  
1:00-WEAF—Farm and Home Hour  
WOR—Man on the Farm  
WJZ—Symphonies for Youth  
WABC—Grand Central Station  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WMCA—Health Talk  
1:30-WEAF—The Veterans' Adviser  
WOR—Opera House  
WABC—County Fair  
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy  
1:45-WEAF—The American World  
WJZ—News Reports  
WMCA—Vocal Varieties

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Harry Slick Orchestra  
WOR—Louis Kaufman  
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera—Verdi's Otello  
WABC—Of Men and Books  
WMCA—News; This Is Our Town  
WQXR—News; Music  
2:15-WEAF—Radio Reports  
WOR—One Man's Destiny  
WABC—Adventures in Science  
2:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch  
WOR—Courtney's Record Carnival  
WABC—Columbia Workshop  
WQXR—Music of Our Time  
2:45-WEAF—Camp Meeting Choir  
3:00-WEAF—Oklahoma State Symphony.  
Victor Alessandro, Conductor  
WABC—Assignment Home  
WMCA—News; Novena Services  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:30-WOR—It's Up to Youth  
WABC—Talk  
3:45-WABC—Cross Section—CIO  
4:00-WEAF—Doctors at Home  
WOR—Better Half—Matinee  
WABC—Record Shop  
WMCA—News; Western Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
4:30-WEAF—First Piano Quartet  
WOR—Fletcher Orchestra  
WABC—Lawrence Orchestra  
4:45-WOR—Racing at Hialeah  
4:55-WABC—Olin Downes—Talk  
5:00-WEAF—Easy Money—Sketch  
WOR—Musical Grog Bag  
WJZ—Dance Music  
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra  
WQXR—News; Musical Milestones  
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercort, News  
WOR—Gordon Orchestra  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicals  
WOR—Fletcher and Olin, Songs  
WJZ—Charles Jordan, Baritone

## Zamperini Once 'Dead' To Preside at 'Memorial'

A ghost in the flesh may fire the starting gun for the Lou Zamperini "memorial" mile next Saturday, and we are happy to report that the ghost carries considerably more substance than the 87-pound bag of bones plucked from a Japanese prison last September.

This apparition is none other than Zamperini himself, survivor of the Pacific war and, incidentally, the national collegiate mile champion.

The I.C.A.-A hopes to bring Zamperini here to preside over the race named for him in the association's annual meet at Madison Square Garden. Practically all special races bear the names of men departed from the earthly scene and Zamperini's appearance would be unique.

Asa Bushnell of the I.C.A.-A conceived the Zamperini race after Lou was reported missing and presumed dead when his Liberator failed to return from a raid on the Marshall Islands in 1943.

It was never run as a "memorial" because Zamperini's family in San Diego maintained faith he still lived. It became the "Lou Zamperini invitation mile." Jim Raftery won its only previous running.

It was well that they didn't memorialize Lou right off because the Yanks found him at a remote and miserable prison camp when they occupied Honshu Island.

The Japanese had tried to make Zamperini broadcast their propaganda, but he refused although they put him through their special torture mill.

## Paris Quisling Press Chief Is Executed

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP).—Jean Luchaire, collaborationist chief of the Paris press during the German occupation, was executed for treason this morning.

## RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.  
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WQXR—1540 Kc.

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—Kenneth Banghart, News  
WOR—Paul Schubert  
WJZ—Wilfred Fletcher, News  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
6:15-WEAF—Around Town—John Cooper  
WOR—Strictly Personal  
WJZ—News Reports  
WABC—People's Platform  
WMCA—Recorded Songs  
6:30-WQXR—News; Dinner Music  
6:35-WOR—Fred Vandevanter, News  
WJZ—Harry Wismer, Sports  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News  
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.  
WABC—The World—Today  
WMCA—Talk—Jack Smader  
6:55-WABC—Robert Frost, News  
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy  
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz  
WJZ—It's Your Business  
WABC—Play—With Helen Hayes  
WMCA—News; Dance Music  
WQXR—News; Footlight Echoes  
7:15-WEAF—Santa Anita Derby  
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
7:30-WEAF—Jimmy Edmondson Show  
WOR—Arthur Hale  
WJZ—The Green Hornet—Drama  
WABC—The First Nighter  
WQXR—Guest Artist  
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man  
8:00-WEAF—Life of Riley—Play  
WOR—Twenty Questions  
WJZ—Dick Tracy Show

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## To 'Blockade' CIO Canneries

By Federated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has served notice that regardless of a pending NLRB ruling, the union will blockade all canneries in northern California signing contracts with the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers.

"We will under no circumstances recognize any other organization as bargaining agent for employees in cannery and from cannery to warehouse and therefore insist on our rightful jurisdiction within the canneries. Any processor who deals with any other union for cannery employees will have to accept consequences of our position as outlined."

Commenting on this statement, FTA Register Director Louisa Moreno said: "If the NLRB awards the jurisdiction to us as we expect it to do very shortly, it means that the teamsters are declaring war on the growers, the industry, the public and the government."

The canneries are continuing negotiations for a new contract with the AFL, though the NLRB wired them it viewed such negotiations "with concern." The AFL is asking a 10 cent hourly raise while the CIO is expected to demand 25 cents an hour.

WABC—Dick Haymes Show  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
6:30-WEAF—Truth and Consequences  
WOR—Harry Sweeney Show  
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials—Drama  
WABC—Mayor of the Town—Play,  
with Lionel Barrymore  
6:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance  
WOR—Leave It to the Girls  
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play  
WABC—Hit Parade  
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works  
WQXR—News Reports  
9:05-WQXR—Talk—Dennis Pimner  
9:30-WQXR—Request Music  
9:35-WEAF—Can You Top This?  
WOR—Break the Bank  
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade  
10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show  
WOR—Theater of the Air  
WQXR—News; Recorded Album  
10:15-WABC—Celebrity Club  
10:30-WEAF—Grand Old Opry  
WJZ—Garden of Song  
WMCA—Frank Kingdon  
WQXR—Guest Conductor  
10:45-WJZ—Steelworkers Speak  
WABC—To Be Announced  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
11:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music  
WJZ—News; Sidewalk Interviews  
WABC—News; Recorded Music  
WOR—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour  
11:30-WEAF—Gray Orchestra  
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music  
WABC, WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News Reports

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## Intellectuals and the French Renaissance

## 'Great Passions Make Great Men'

(This is the final extract from the report on "Intellectuals and the French Renaissance" delivered at the 10th National Congress of the French Communist Party, June 26-30, 1945.)

By ROGER GARAUDY

OUR painters have started to work. Instead of offering their pictures to merchants for a handful of snobs in search of rare thrills, unreal compositions, and fantastical escapes having no connection with national life, they are now painting for the masses of the people. Picasso is busy with Thorez' portrait; Pignon, with Ducloux; Fougereon, with Cachin's. Others are relating Fabien's life with pictures. They are beginning to feel the grandeur which is brought in their art by the faith of a people when it bursts upon their canvas. We are beginning to prepare color reproductions of these great works. Soon pictures by our great master-painters will replace in each peasant or worker's home the postman's calendar.

The task of our artists consists in bringing about the union of art with the nation. They are not the last to benefit by this transformation. From now on they have to satisfy other needs than those of a handful of decadent sickly snobs who were their customary patrons and who led them to the worst experiments and aberrations. They have to respond to the needs of a people whose passions are stronger, healthier, more human and more vivifying for their art.

I have a question to ask Pignon and Fougereon who are present: "Where do you feel truly at home? In the little galleries of art, chapels of snobs, where you exhibit the idols of the idlers' cults, or rather in this room where your art embodies the needs of a people in the harmonies of beauty?"

Is it not this new strength you came to find in our Party? What would be the meaning of your adherence if you were not to cling to the highest part of yourself, to your conscience and to your work as an artist? For an artist, his joining the Party means to accept, to seek the risk of a conversion to grandeur.

## A NATIONAL THEATER

And there is another thing: the great Parisian theaters continuously present to us the spectacles of souls that go to pieces, of the doubt and pessimism of decadent societies: "Le Huit-Clos" of Sartre, the poet of nihilism; the depressing "Antigone" of Jean Anouilh; the Heights of Hurlevent and the whole procession of morbid plays. Should we still be living in the days of the old man (Petain), in the days of treason, when they tried daily to make us believe we were a burned-out nation? A people that stands up once more, in spite of the apostles and that chose to live and to conquer, as did Fabien, wants to leave the motion picture house and the theater with other desires than that of committing suicide. The French expect our writers and actors to help them live, live to the full extent of their individual, human dimensions, of all their joy and faith. They are thirsty for the tonic, heroic and national masterpieces. The decadent artists, whose feelings are smaller than their fame, are incapable of giving them these things.

We have found young people imbued with this spirit of innovation. Starting the 1st of September, 1945, a theatrical company of the "Encyclopedia

of French Renaissance" will begin to play in the suburb of Paris. It will be the National Theater, with new plays, in which the theater, following Gémier's wish, will renew itself by tackling the problems that passionately interest us.

WE MUST consider as a harmful utopia the settled habit of asking intellectuals to work for no monetary rewards. We live under the capitalist regime. Living conditions of artists and of intellectuals in general are often poor. We must create income-yielding enterprises of intellectual production. Publishing pays. Shows in chain theaters pay. There is no reason at all for the financial administration of our intellectual organizations not to be healthy. We can and we must pay the creators and the research workers. One hundred thousand copies of an original picture, paying the artist one franc's copyright a copy for instance, yields him as good a standard of living as if he had sold the oil painting for 100,000 francs to an art patron or to a dealer. And the reproduction scheme makes for the artist's moral independence and adds to his work because he is in contact with the masses, a breath, a human equilibrium which are the very conditions of the spiritual health of his art.

In order to reach these several goals, we must:

1. Take a census of all the intellectual members of our Party—a necessity which militant intellectuals of all categories understand.

2. Tie more intimately intellectual work with the Party and likewise co-ordinate the efforts of the Party's intellectuals.

As Victor Hugo wrote:

"The ones who live are the ones who struggle, The ones whose soul and head are filled with high purposes. . . ."

Yes, these are the living ones. Comrades, these living ones, wherever they come from, if they come to serve, have already joined us. These are the builders of the new world. They know that their place is with us, in this Party which is rich with the sap and blood it derives from the depths of the French people.

Intellectual comrades, we must gather about us all these new energies in the great workshop where French culture is being revived. We cannot afford to keep on with our little humdrum routine that grants the Party two evenings a week for tasks unrelated to our proper calling. Let us place in the center of our life, particularly of our intellectual life, this great Party which makes men over. Our Party would have no connection with us, and would remain foreign to us were it not capable of making our lives over, of making them broader, of giving them another style: the style of grandeur. Our Party turns our attention to national problems. Let us shun individualism, estheticism, the aloofness of so many uprooted and decadent intellectuals. Let us not fear, as they do, the passionate strivings of a people that wants to renew itself and that still loves the future. Let us never forget the message of our great ancestors, the Rationalists and Materialists of the 18th Century, in whose name Helvetius tells us, on the eve of the Revolution of 1789: "Only great passions make great men."

Only by so comporting ourselves shall we work in a way worthy of French glory, worthy of the national responsibilities of our Party.

[The complete text of Roger Garaudy's report will appear in next week's New Masses.]



A scene from the Swiss film "Marie Louise" now at the Irving Place Theatre on a bill with "The Russian Story."

## Dawson Singers In Harlem

The National Negro Opera Company sponsors the Mary Cardwell Dawson Singers in "The Ordering of Moses," Nathaniel Dett's dramatization of a Biblical story, at the Golden Gate Auditorium, 142 St. and Lenox Ave., tomorrow, Sunday at 4 p.m.

## Artists Workshop Studio Party

The Workshop Studio of the Artist's League of America will throw a gala party at its headquarters, 77 Fifth Ave. (near 14 St.) tonight (Saturday) at 8 p.m. Dance. Caravan—a group of folk dancers will entertain. Noted artists will be present.

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## Negro Theatre's New Comedy

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## Laurents' New Play For Early Fall

Lee Sabinson and William R. Katzell, who are presenting Arthur Laurents' "Home of the Brave" at the Belasco, will do the young author's new play, a comedy "Heart-song" in early fall.

"Home of the Brave" has closed its run at the Belasco after 69 performances. The show, which was building into the hit class, fell below its stop clause during the week all the theatres were off and the new management of the theatre took advantage of this to give the play its notice.

## Dance Recital

Martha Graham and Dance Company will appear Saturday evening, March 9 at the Central High School of Needle Trades, under the auspices of Students Dance Recitals.



Ricardo Sarroga, "South American singer and guitarist will make his New York concert debut at Times Hall, 44 St. off Broadway, tonight, Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Mr. Sarroga will sing Spanish and South American songs.

## Calhern to Speak

Louis Calhern, star of the magnificent Yankee, will speak at the next meeting of the Theatre Division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions Sunday night, March 3, at the Henry Miller Theatre.

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# Red Army Must Guard Peace--Stalin

LONDON, Feb. 22 (UP).—The Soviet Union, facing a period of peaceful development, must strengthen herself economically and militarily and the army must advance itself in military science, Marshal Joseph Stalin said tonight in an Order of the Day on Red Army Day. In his order, broadcast by Moscow, Stalin acted in his capacity of Defense Commissar.

Stalin said that while the Soviet Union strengthened herself from both economic and military viewpoints, the Red Army must watch over the safety of the workers of the USSR.

"In peacetime the foremost task

of the Red Army is to perfect its military and political knowledge," Stalin said, according to the Moscow radio broadcast recorded here.

"In peacetime all officers and generals must master the education of troops in peaceful conditions. Experience of the war must be applied in education and training of the Army and its officers. The Red Army must advance in

military science.

"The Red Army is in possession of excellent material. The task is to learn to use it perfectly and to watch over it. Discipline and order are imperative.

"Army men must give all of their best to the Red Army. They must not rest on their laurels."

The Army, said Stalin, is "celebrating this day as victor over Ger-

many and Japan."

"The Red Army," he continued, has become a most modern Army with the best of commanders in their fight against fascists.

"The Soviet people have seen they can rely on it—all the peoples of our nations can rely on it. Victories have proved that the Red Army won because it was a popular Army."

Congratulating Red Army and Navy men "in the name of the Soviet Government," of which he is

Premier as well as Defense Commissar, Stalin ordered a salute of 20 salvos of guns."

Stalin said that the Soviet Union must advance her economic development.

"The country cannot stay on the position already won," he said. "We must move forward. Otherwise there will be stagnation."

"We must exceed the prewar standard of production and heighten the military and economic might of the Soviet Union."

## Spy Scare in Canada Aimed Against Labor

By MEL COLBY

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—Canadian union leaders—AFL and CIO—are taking a sober view of the hysterical anti-Soviet campaign being conducted by the capitalist press. The immediate effect of the campaign has been the suspension of millions of dollars of industrial equipment contracts, apparently by the Department of Reconstruction. This, linked with the accompanying layoffs of hundreds of workers, is bringing warnings from trade unionists that the Tories will attempt to use the spy scare to head off labor's drive for higher wages and rigid price controls.

With every major CIO union, and an increasing number of AFL unions, preparing for a showdown fight with Canadian monopoly on wages, the anti-Soviet spy campaign fits in with the domestic as well as international plans of the monopolists.

Already there are straws in the wind. Ontario's anti-labor, red-baiting Premier, Col. George A. Drew, in a speech made in Hamilton this week, advised the unions:

"Organized labor would be well advised to see that, in sheep's clothing or in some other way, the Communists do not find the opportunity to disrupt affairs in Canada."

Drew is engaged in an attempt to by-pass a province-wide campaign by every AFL union in Ontario to compel legislative action on wages, jobs and housing. He made oblique reference to this when he "warned" labor in the same speech "to beware of Communist interference to create industrial strife."

But if Drew reflects the attitude

of monopoly in Canada, it can also be said that C. S. Jackson, Canadian director of the UE-CIO, reflects largely the opinion of most CIO unions affiliated to the Canadian Congress of Labor.

Workers in plants covered by UE contracts, the Canadian General Electric Co. and the Canadian Westinghouse Co., have been the first to feel the effects of the anti-Soviet hysteria. An unknown number have been laid off as a result of the suspension of contracts totaling \$3,500,000.

Jackson termed the spy scare campaign a "Roman field day designed to disrupt the forward march of the people toward democracy, social and job security." Canadian workers, he said, "will assess this situation in terms of its effects on the future peace of the world."

Jackson was joined by Harold Pritchett, representative of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, and Harvey Murphy, representative of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Union, both of whom warned that the "spy scare" has all the " earmarks of an attack against those trade unions which are leading the fight for higher wages in this country."

D. A. Dunlop, chairman of the Ontario executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada (AFL), stressed that "the issue of higher wages should be the main one confronting the people of Canada." He warned that reaction was attempting to head off the wage fight via the spy scare.

Similar sentiments were expressed by the International representative of the United Garment Workers, Sam Lepedes; by William Emiston, Canadian director, International Chemical Workers Union; by Toronto Alderman Dewar Ferguson, acting president, Canadian Seamen's Union, and by Malcolm Murdoch, Toronto organizer, United Textile Workers.

### Izvestia Cites Past Anti-Soviet Fizzles

MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (UP).—The Government newspaper Izvestia said today that only "scandalous failure" will crown what it called the efforts of Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King to launch an anti-Soviet campaign in connection with the alleged leak of secret atomic energy data.

The Izvestia editorial, captioned "The Collapse of the Plans of King and His Friends," recalled other anti-Soviet drives in the past which boomeranged on their sponsors.

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## Nazis Set Torch to 1,710 Soviet Cities

NUERNBERG, Feb. 22 (UP).—Retreating German forces burned Soviet towns and villages to the ground with flame-throwers and left 25,000,000 Soviet citizens homeless, the Soviet War Crimes prosecution charged today.

On Jan. 3, 1942, just as the tide of the German invasion was first beginning to turn, Hitler ordered German soldiers to defend themselves to the last man and added it was "imperative that everything be burned to the ground," Assistant Soviet Prosecutor Mark Julevich Raginsky told the court.

The Germans, he added, shot villagers who attempted to extinguish the flames.

Raginsky said the destruction of Moscow and Leningrad was part of the Nazi plan.

He quoted a directive signed by Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl stating that capitulation of these two cities must not be accepted "even if it is offered by the enemy."

### Goering Asks to Call Halifax as Witness

NUERNBERG, Feb. 22 (UP).—

Hermann Goering has asked the International War Crimes Tribunal for permission to call the Earl of Halifax as one of his witnesses, an informed courtroom source said today.

He said the German invaders seriously damaged or destroyed 1,710 towns; destroyed 84,000 schools, laboratories and universities, 40,000 rest homes and hospitals and 31,850 industrial concerns employing 4,000,000 workers, stole 71,000,000 head of cattle, horses, sheep and pigs.

## UOPW PARLEY ENDS VOWING FIGHT ON CONGRESS TORIES

CLEVELAND, Feb. 22.—The United Office and Professional Workers convention winding up its five-day session at Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, today pledged to see that gains won for white collar workers through militant action will not be taken away by a reactionary Congress.

Delegates agreed to place high on the union agenda white collar activity in support of independent political action by labor working through both parties to elect a progressive Congress in 1946, to nominate and elect candidates from UOPWA and to see that white collar problems secure attention in national state and city government.

Delegate Condy Sartor, a Negro insurance agent from New Orleans told the convention that the only hope of his people in the south and of the whole country is in PAC which can organize and defeat

bigoted southern reactionaries.

Vigorous condemnation of the filibuster on FEPC was expressed and delegates called for laws to make it a criminal offense to discriminate against Negro, Jewish or other minorities. The convention asked the intervention of President Truman to insure immediate passage of national and state FEPC laws. Delegates also protested terrorism and persecution of returning Negro servicemen and called for investigation and justice in the recent shooting of Negro veterans in Freeport, L. I., and Alabama.

Yesterday, delegates from industrial offices, motion picture offices, insurance social service and every section of the union took the floor in a debate on collective bargaining. They disclosed a uniform picture of growing employer resistance to demands and attempts to break up office organization.

## Vet Strikers Win Jobless Pay

ALBANY, Feb. 22.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey tonight signed into law the bill to grant veterans the same unemployment insurance rights as are enjoyed by other workers during a strike—that is, payment to start after the seventh week.

Striking vets unemployed seven weeks by March 4 or thereafter may now apply for benefits as of that date.

A delegation of 56 New York State labor and civic organizations supported the measure. Only the Chamber of Commerce was opposed.

### French Assembly Protests Franco Murders

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP).—The French Constituent Assembly tonight denounced the execution in Spain of Christino Garcia Granda, 32-year-old seaman, and nine other Spanish Republicans yesterday.

The Assembly action came as the Communist Central Committee, also strongly condemning the executions, again called for an immediate rupture of relations. (Earlier story on page 8.)

### Yamashita Hung for Bataan Atrocities

MANILA, Saturday, Feb. 23 (UP).—Lieut. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, brutal conqueror of Bataan, Corregidor and Malaya, was hanged today as a common criminal on a gallows at Los Banos concentration camp.

## O'Dwyer Tax Surrender Puts Demo Solons in Jam

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 22.—Unhappy Democratic legislative leaders yesterday awaited a stormy caucus meeting set for Monday night when they will discuss Mayor William O'Dwyer's tax program.

For the first time in years, the minority faced the unpleasant prospect of a collision with the labor movement on a major issue. The growing strength of labor and allied forces in New York City, as evidenced in the vote cast for John F. Kennedy last Tuesday, made the prospect gloomy, particularly in an election year.

Mayor O'Dwyer has met a storm of labor protest against his proposals of increased sales tax and special levies on gas and light bills, admissions, etc., designed to raise \$75,000,000 from the low-income groups. O'Dwyer asked the Republican-controlled legislature to approve the new taxes on the ground that the city must have more money and there is no hope of getting it from swollen State funds.

Labor leaders say that if a mass

fight is waged, it is still possible to compel the Dewey administration to shell out, particularly for transit rehabilitation. If this fight should fail, they declare, taxes levied by the city should hit the high-income groups only.

Democratic legislators are in a bad spot. The Republican leaders have agreed to furnish the votes necessary to pass the Mayor's tax program only if the Democrats will supply the majority of those votes.

Democratic leaders are putting the heat on the rank and file to go along with the program. But because of labor opposition, many are reluctant to do so.

Pressure is beginning to come in from their districts against the tax program. If this pressure develops over the week-end, Monday night's caucus may result in a rebellion.

## AFL JOINS NAM TO BLAME STRIKES FOR PRICE RISES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Leaders of the American Federation of Labor today came to the aid of Big Business to put blame on "Communist agents," as they call the CIO, for price increases.

The attack, against "unions outside the Federation" for calling simultaneous strikes in basic industries, was contained in the AFL's Monthly Survey.

The "communist agents" in the AFL's charge, would presumably embrace all CIO leaders, because the strikes most regretted by the AFL are listed as those in steel,

auto, packing, oil and electrical industries.

The President's wage-price policy, which the AFL declares is "unsatisfactory and unacceptable" is declared by the survey to be a result of the CIO's strikes.

The AFL also made the claim that it had won raises of from 10 to 20 cents an hour for 3,000,000 workers since the war ended without strikes or price increases. But the chart neglects to meet charge that the AFL is a "free rider" on the battles fought by the CIO.